

Lawton

Sunday Afternoon

25 November 84

*It took just "a few days"  
to get all this together  
and to the post office.*

Dear Robert,

Having within the last several months lapsed into such an unpardonable state of dereliction with my correspondence, I am quite frankly (and appropriately) ashamed to write you. Although there is no excuse whatsoever for my "epistolary negligence," I shall never the less at least offer you two explanations (one firm, the other feeble) for being so remiss in staying in touch, and answering your marvelous letters, which are always so warm, interesting, informative and delightful to read.

Your first letter, dated 13 September and mailed to my previous address, was an "Aeneas Africanus" of a missive that seemed to have arrived everywhere else **first** in Horry County, before reaching me **finally**--or so I surmised, upon examining all the criss-cross of "**FORWARD TO**" instructions scribbled on the envelope. For some reason, it eventually wound up at Northside Pharmacy, my present landlord's place of business, where it lay (amidst a large and ever-increasing bundle of other mail) for well over a month. At last, someone at the pharmacy took note of this accumulating mail and mentioned it to Johnny (my landlord), who dropped it by The South Wind Motel, where I work after school.

Have you ever attempted to plough through a six-week's backlog of correspondence--which consisted, for the most part, of lengthy, and/or detailed items such as occur in genealogical research and "relative exchanges" thereof? Ever since receiving this big "bale" of correspondence, I've been flapping around like a one-armed wallpaper-hanger, trying to figure out a way to answer all of it--and with very limited success, as I am confident you will attest. Owell and anyway, that's what happened in the case of your **first** letter.

In the cases of your second and third letters, I can but meekly plead, **Mea Culpa**. They arrived at Socastee without any problem--other than the problem of my having for so long allowed them to remain unanswered, that is.

Actually, I have on a number of evenings sat down and attempted to respond to your wonderful genealogical "cornucopias," but must truthfully confess that, since moving, I have had the focus and bearings of a chicken with its head lopped off. As you know, it is impossible to correspond on genealogy without ready, organized notes, files, charts, etc., and mine are still anything and everything **but** ready and organized. Then, working until 9:00 seven nights a week after school has also taken its toll on my erstwhile calling and commitments--but now that the golfing season is finally winding down, I will soon be able to bid The South Wind "Aloha" for a few months, and return to concerns of kith and kin.

Well, that's enough "gwinein' an' gwinein'" about why my correspondence has been so lousy lately. What I now intend to do is remediate that problem by responding to your last three letters, in as many particulars as time permits, beginning with the 13 September letter. First, however, let me mention the accompanying xeroxed items.

Please note a number of enclosures, the first of which is a potpourri of odds and ends I received last August from David Nixon, a Milam descendant from Conway, Ark., with whom I very briefly corresponded prior to my move. I may have already mentioned this fellow to you--and, if so, I hope I haven't previously mailed you copies of this mélange of material, for it is certainly not something I should care to fossick more than once. For my needs ("Diataphus Dearest"), none of this information was useful--though I very much appreciated David's thoughtfulness and generosity in sending it to me. Perhaps you and Miss Cora will have better success with it than I did. Do let me know what (if anything) you find.

The next enclosures consist of some random tidbits of information from Laurens--a few of Mrs. Brownlee's gleanings. It is quite possible that you have long before now anticipated her suggestions and leads, and have followed through with them, but I am sending you copies of everything she sent anyway, just in case. As you well realize, "whole ancestors" often suddenly and unexpectedly "swirl into clear ken" on the merest margins of miscellaneous minutiae. Mrs. Brownlee repeatedly assures me that my D. M. will more than likely "occur" just so--if ever at all. There comes a time in research when one must "peel the parings." "Milamly speaking," you and I have arrived at that time.

I was (and still am) thoroughly delighted with the Oswald and collateral data you sent to me back in September--as I was with the new and totally unexpected Peebles connection, which I would most certainly have been **months** in finding out about, were it not for you. Perhaps during the Christmas holidays (20 December-2 January here) I can explore this line a bit further, though I really doubt there will be sufficient time to "do the line justice" until this summer, when my schedule is more relaxed. As for the book you mentioned, **PEEBLES ANTE 1600-1962**, please reserve a copy for me, particularly if my Margaret Peebles' lines are traced in it. I would send you a check for it right now, but you would then send it, and I would then immerse myself in it, and become even **more** derelict in my correspondence, so--simply reserve one for me to read later.

Thanks entirely to you, the maternal "trunk" of my "Beaufort Branch" (the chart of my great-grandmother, Sarah Adelaide Sams) is burgeoning beautifully--and with such down-to-the-last-detail completeness! As I have mentioned to you before, she (SAS) is my "je ne sais quoi," favorite forebear. I so envy all the people still living (and there are a goodly few left) who actually **knew** her, and I will never be able to believe that I "missed" her by a (genealogically speaking) "mere" 12 years. But I am digressing, and being egocentric to boot, so let me return to the primary purpose of this letter,

namely, answering **your** letters--though at the rate I'm going, I'll have time for only your first one at this sitting.

On the matter of the trials and tribulations of being a Milam descendant attempting to "Re-scend" his way back to an ornery ancestor via a maze and welter of DAR doodledy-squat details and dickering, I commiserate with you sincerely and to the nth degree, as I am certain you already know. Our mutual and "congenital" "Milamitis" is our "Laurens Charleston"--Capt. William all over again. Rest assured, however, that Mrs. Brownlee fully intends to keep you and Miss Cora ever in mind as she minutely and meticulously follows the "spoor" of **my** elusive (and **very** aptly yclept) progenitor "Dodge." She is "cementedly" tenacious when it comes to "hanging in there." I have known her to contact a client of **years** past with a hastily scribbled comment such as, "Got 'im! Your ggg-grandfather's last name was Zeigler, son of Obidiah and Rebecca (Pearson) Zeigler, all three buried at....etc., etc." It well may be that Mrs. Brownlee may drop you and Miss Cora just such a bolt from the blue. ("Casual thunderclaps" delight her, especially when she "causes" them.) Please don't give up on DAR--and for goodness sake don't withdraw Miss Cora's application. Bide your time--and in the meantime, just relish the thought of the delicious delight you will perhaps someday derive from being able to cram **reams**--generation after generation of it--of **PROOF** down their throats.

As for your quandary concerning exactly (and tactfully) how to respond to Ed Milam, I know precisely what you mean. He is such a sincere and kind-hearted person, but in no way a research "realist." In **attempting** to respond to his last letter, I found myself "drooling dilemma." What does one gracefully say to his quantum speculations, that quite literally beggar description? I could no more tell a child that his deftless finger-paintings were not art, than I could point out to Ed what his "findings" **really** are--and so I have not yet responded to his last letter. Ironically, though, it may ultimately be just such a one as he who untangles the Gordian Knot of our Milam ancestry:

We're in the serendipity rows,  
Where experts are amateurs--  
Amateurs--pro's.

Remind me sometime to tell you about how the enigma of Elizabeth "Burt," the second wife of my ancestor Bonum Sams, was finally resolved. It's a perfect illustration of what we will probably encounter before our Milam mess is sorted out, but I'll save it for later, when I am not in such arrears with my correspondence.

Your innocent and ill-fated intrusion into the situation of the "shacked-up great-grandfather" made me laugh out loud--and at the same time reflect on some of my teaching experiences, two of which I shall share with you. If you think the **older** folks are up to some shocking shenanigans, you should step for just a few moments into the "fast lane," and see what the "jet set" is up to.

One morning last year a young "lady"--a truly very attractive, intelligent, well-mannered and obviously (at least to me) well-bred student--came rushing and panting into my first-period English class about 20 minutes after the tardy bell had rung. Before I even had an opportunity to ask why she was late, she "explained" (though she "more at" actually **announced**), "Please don't yell at me for being late, Mr. Lawton. My boyfriend forgot to set our alarm." Naturally, I didn't have the breath left in me to yell anything to **that** statement. I didn't even have enough sense to breathe the air with **which** to yell. I simply stood there and more or less mentally "evaporated" with "stun."

On another occasion last year, while calling the roll, I received this "intelligence" from one of my students, upon inquiring the whereabouts of another "young lady" who did answer to her name: "She won't be here today or tomorrow. She's in Charleston getting an abortion." When I instantly scathed the student verbally for uttering such a crass and callous comment, several others piped in to his defense--more or less to this effect: "Well, that's where she is. Everybody knows it--and you **did** ask. Her **parents** took her."

The above incident occurred on a Thursday. The following Monday, I walked the absentee with a "blue slip" (an excused absence), and the following explanation--which I **assure** you was unsolicited: "Mr. Lawton, I know you're upset because I missed my grammar test last Friday, but I was pregnant, you see, and my boyfriend broke up with me when he found out, so I had to go Charleston to see a doctor about, you know, getting everything straightened out, and they told me in attendance that this absence wouldn't count as one of my unexcused days, since I **was** in a hospital and seeing a doctor, so do I get to make up the grammar test?"

Ordinarily, I am an extremely compassionate and understanding person--one **must** be, if he is to teach--but this thing so far exceeded my heart's ability to encompass it that, before I even realized I was telling her, I had **told** her: "I'll give you the same chance to pass this class that you gave your child to live his life. My classroom is not an extension of an abortion clinic. I utterly reject your 'excuse' in this matter, and furthermore advise you to deal directly with the superintendent himself, if you have any intentions of **insisting** upon your so-called 'human rights.'" Fortunately, she did not pursue the matter, for I would never have backed down, and the whole thing would surely have wound up in court.

Well, I believe that about covers your first letter--or at least it does to the best of my ability to respond to it, with such materials as I have readily at hand. I'll get this bundle off in the mail this afternoon when I go to work, and get busy with your second letter when I get home tonight.

As always, give Miss Cora my regards, and expect to hear from me again within the next week.

As ever,

*Rand* L. Lawton



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October 25, 1989

Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples  
8 Moonshell Road  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Dear Rev. Dr. Peeples,

I have been in touch with Tom Lawton of Allendale, South Carolina who gave me the name of Gene Lawton (Mrs. Robert G. Lawton) of Shreveport, Louisiana, who in turn has given me your name.

Gene has sent me some Lawton family history and Tom has sent several very interesting papers to me, one of which is the early family beginning with Adam De Lauton.

I am trying to find out how my Lawtons are descended from these very early Lawtons and also, I am working back from the earliest Lawton which I've been able to find.

My earliest Lawton was Ralph William who married a Miss Shaw. He owned a stage coach line from Delph to London. He had a brother, Joseph who moved to Charleston. No dates on any of this.

One of Ralph Williams children was Joseph Gamaliel who married Hannah Jane Dunn. (JG - 1830-1911) (HJ - ?-1895).

One of his children was Edward Gamaliel married Marie Cora Prud'homme.  
1865-1934 1871-1952

One of their children was Alphonse Gamaliel married Sudie Merritt.  
1895-1960 1900 -

Alphonse Gamaliel was my grandfather. His grandfather, Joseph, lived in South Africa and New Zealand because of his wife's health. Edward and a brother came to South Carolina and stayed with cousins. Edward was a medical doctor and he moved to Natchitoches, Louisiana to practice medicine.

Gene mentioned a booklet, "Our Family Circle" and any other information you have would be much appreciated. Please let me know cost, etc of the booklet and if you think my Lawtons are connected to Cheshire. Tom mentioned York for my Lawtons.

Sincerely,

*Julie*

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1025-25<sup>th</sup> 1087  
William The Conqueror or Matilda  
Duke of Normandy  
King of England 1066  
+ 2 Nov 1085

Robert de Hastings  
Lord of Ballingale  
Worcestershire  
Steward to Henry I

Stephen de Blois 1080  
Count of Champagne  
Leader of 1st Crusade  
+ 1101  
William de Champagne  
Agnes  
+ 1101  
Henry, Earl of Eu  
Lord Hastings  
+ 12 July 1140  
Margaret de Champagne  
+ 15 Dec. 1145

Roger Bigot  
+ 1107

W<sup>m</sup> de Albini  
Lord of Buckenham  
Norfolk

Adam de Lawton

William d'Albini  
1<sup>st</sup> Earl Arundel  
+ 12 Oct 1176

Adeliza  
1103-1151

Henry I  
7<sup>th</sup> English  
+ 1 May 1135

Matilda of Scotland  
+ 1 May 1118

Ida d'Eu

William d'Albini  
Earl Arundel & Surrey  
+ 24 Dec 1193

Maud St. Hilary  
+ 1173

Matilda  
+ 1173

William de Hastings  
Steward to King Henry II  
+ 1165

Thomas de Hastings

William d'Albini  
Earl Arundel  
+ 12 Apr 1221

Mable  
of Chester

Henry II  
7<sup>th</sup> English

Hugh de Hastings  
+ 1208

Helena, dau of Hugh  
Alverton, Co. Ebor

Ralph Fitz Ranulph  
Lord of Middleham  
Co. York

Mable  
of Lincoln

Robert de Tottershall  
Gou. of Lincoln Castle  
+ 1349

Emmeline  
dau of Walter de Heron

Sir Nicholas de Hastings  
+ 1268

John Fitz Ralph  
1<sup>st</sup> Baron Tottershall  
1273-1272  
Lord of Buckenham

Sir Robert de Tottershall

Sir Hugh de Hastings  
+ 1302

Sir Nicholas de Hastings, Kent

Beatrix

Vivian  
Lord of Davenport

John de Tottershall  
Catharine

Sir Ralph de Hastings  
Gou. York Castle + 1346

Margaret

Sir William de Herle  
Chief Justice of Court of Common Pleas

Jordan de Davenport

Roger Tottershall  
M.P. for Lincs.

Sir Ralph de Hastings  
Gou. York Castle + 1346

Margaret

Sir Robert de Sutton, Kent

Thomas de Davenport

John Tattershale  
Lord of Wandsworth  
Little Waltham, Essex  
+ 1429

Agnes Chichele  
granddaughter of Henry  
Chichele, Archbishop of Canterbury who + 1443

Alice de Camois  
+ 1495

Sir Leonard de Hastings  
Lord Hastings + 1456

Hugh Lawton  
Lord of Lawton

John Lawton  
Lord of Lawton

John Tattershale  
Lord of Wandsworth  
Little Waltham, Essex  
+ 1429

Thomas, Lord Camois

Maud de Sutton

John Lawton  
Lord of Lawton

Anne Tattershale  
Lady of Wandsworth and Little Waltham, Co. Essex

Sir Ralph de Hastings  
3<sup>rd</sup> Baron of William, Lord Hastings  
+ 1495

Sir John Longueville, Kent  
+ 1536

Arthur Longueville  
of Woburn, Bucks.

Richard Lawton  
Lord of Lawton

Elizabeth Cotton  
Catharine Cary

Sir Henry Longueville  
Woburn, Bucks.  
+ 1613

Sir Henry Longueville, Kent  
+ 1613

Miles Sandys  
Kilnsey, Bucks.

William Lawton  
Lord of Lawton  
+ 28 Dec. 1552

Thomas Middleton  
of Aldenham, Herts.

Elizabeth Cotton  
Catharine Cary

Sir Henry Longueville, Kent  
+ 1613

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Sir Edm. Cary, Kent  
of Aldenham, Herts.

Elizabeth Cotton  
Catharine Cary

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+ 1613

Miles Sandys  
Kilnsey, Bucks.

William Lawton  
Lord of Lawton

Ralph Sneyd, Esq.  
of Keele, Co. Staff  
1564-1644

Sir Henry Longueville, Kent  
+ 1613

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## Genealogy English Branch

I Adam de Lawton, Lord of Lawton, living in the time of King Henry and King John. (King John died in 1216).

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II Adam de Lawton held lands in Lawton, temporary of Henry 3rd.

ch. 1 Adam

2 Alice

3 William.

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III Adam de Lawton, Grantee of lands in Lawton, living temporary of Edward ~~1st~~

ch. 1 Adam (a monk of Cheshire).

2 Robert (died)

3 Richard

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IV Richard de Lawton

ch. 1 Richard

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V Richard de Lawton

ch. 1 Richard

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VI Richard de Lawton

Cecelia, dau. of William of Astbury } his wife

ch. 1 Agnes



VII Agnes de Lantou

Thomas (son of Gardin de Davenport  
g. son of Brian Lord of Davenport) } her  
husband  
ch. 1 Hugh

Agnes, with her husband was granted of  
2 "messuages" in Lantou, from her grand  
father - Richard. Hugh the heir took the  
name of Lantou.

VIII Hugh Lantou

Isabella, dau. of Jno. Madock ) his wife  
ch. 1 John

2 Hugh

3 Isabel (mar. George Dod.)

4 Amelia (mar. - Shelton)

IX John Lantou

ch. 1 John

2 Richard

3 Agnes

X Richard Lantou

ch. 1 James mar. Almira Moore

2 Jane mar. George de Bertram

3 William



XI William Lorton d. Dec. 28-1552  
 Katherine, dau. of Geo. Bellott, of Merton, Cheshire) his  
 (Reign of Edwards the 6th) wife

ch. 1 William

2 Katherine, mar. Richard Davies

3 John

4 Austin

5 Ambrose

6 Murburga mar. 1st. John Horton 2nd — Pulford

7 Eva mar. Geoffrey Pitey Porley

8 Dorothy mar. Robert Cope

9 Eleanor mar. Robert Sutton

10 Katherine

XII John Lorton (living in 1580)

Anne Hatherton, widow of Robert Corbit Esq. of Halburton. ) his  
 1st  
 wife

No issue.

Marguerita, dau. of Folke Dutton Esq. ) 2nd wife

ch. 1 William

2 Robert

3 Thomas, b. about 1600 (perhaps my Thomas)

4 John b. 1630, came to America about

1648 - descendants in N. J. & Ohio)

5 Mary mar. William Hindsley



XIII William Lantou  
Mary, dau. of George Woods Esq. } 1st wife  
no issue.

a dau. of Mayfield, or Maxfield (2nd wife)  
ch. 1 John b. 1606 d. 1654  
2 William (Rector) of Lantou, <sup>+1559</sup> unmarried,  
3 Eleanor mar. George Bellot

XIV John Lantou, born 1606, died 1654  
Clare, dau. of Ralph Sneyd Esq. of Rib. Co. } his wife  
Strafford.  
ch. 1 William  
2 John unmarried  
3 Ralph mar. Catherine Charlwood

XV William Lantou (Sheriff of Chester)  
b. 1630, d. Sep. 9, 1693  
Hester, dau. of Sir Edward Longueville Bart. } his wife  
and Margaret, dau. of Sir Thomas Temple of Stowe,  
ch. 1 John b. 1656  
- 2 Capt. William bap. Oct. 14, 1662, born 1658; son  
3 Ralph d. Dec. 15-1756 Wm Henry (born in Wales) was  
father of Capt. Wm Lantou of S.C.  
born Wales c. 1710  
- 4 Margaret bap. May 5, 1664, mar. Charlwood  
- 5 Thomas " Feb. 20-1671 mar. Mary Lantou Apr. 5,  
Reeves 1684



- 6 Hester bap. Apr. 20-1657-mar. J. Church Esq.
- 7 Felicia " June 5-1659 mar. Francis Hollinshed
- 8 Catherine " Sep. 29-1668 mar. John Bonger
- 9 Elizabeth " Nov. 30 1669 " Jas. Chetham
- 10 Maria " June 9-1667
- 11 Clara " mar. William Trafford.

- XVI John Lawton *George, younger son of Henry, 1st Earl*  
Anne Montague (dau. of 1st. Earl of Manchester, and sister of Chas, Earl of Halifax *1st wife*)  
x ch. 1 William bap. May 25-1684, d. 1714, no issue  
✓ 2 Edward d. 1720-mar. Charlotte Trafford  
✓ 3 John d. June 18th, 1740  
x 4 George, d. unmarried  
x 5 Charles bap. June 4-1695 d. Apr 22, 1696  
x 6 James " Apr. 8-1698 d. " " 1699  
x 7 Montague " July 26, 1705 d. Aug. 14, same  
8 Hester  
9 Elizabeth  
10 Anne m. 1735 John Lawton, Esq. of Wythambury  
11 Charlotte  
12 Theodosia  
13 Margaret  
14 Mary mar. Ralph Trafford, Esq.  
15 Maria Margaret Minshall bap. July 19-1702  
7 other children (no names) d. July 10-1706



Mary, (widow of Sir Edward Longueville) 2nd wife  
ch. 23 Robert, Sheriff of County Cheshire M.P.  
Bop. May 6-1723 d. Mar. 19-1777

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XVII. Robert Lantou

Sarah, dau. of Jno. Affley M.P. ) his wife  
ch. 1 John, bop. Sep. 13, 1746 d. Mar. 25, 1804  
2 William " Feb. 2-1748 d. Apr. 9-1814  
3 Ralph (unmarried) bop. Jan. 23, 1840

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XVIII John Lantou b. Sept. 13, 1746

Anna, dau. of Chas. Cress M.P. ) his wife  
ch. 1 William d. 1809  
2 Chas. Boume d. 1860  
3 John (called Jno. of Snake)  
4 Philip (Lt.) d.s.p.  
5 Sarah  
6 Robert

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XIX Charles B. Lantou

dau. of Henry Featherstone Braugh ) his wife  
no issue

dau. of Belconie M.D. of York ) 2nd wife  
no issue

(Succeeded by nephew John Lantou of Lantou Hall)



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3 March 1989

Mr. Paul S. Lawton  
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Dear Paul:

After working over the Lawton parish record, and comparing it to Ormerod, it became apparent that he did not have the parish records when he compiled the Ormerod history of Cheshire, with the result that there are some apparent errors in his chart, and several bits of information that can be added.

Enclosed are corrected charts for the three holders of the Manor of Lawton:

John (1521 - 1598/9)  
William (1553 - 1617)  
John (1604/06 - 1634/5) 1655  
1596

This intrigued me enough that I have written the enclosed letter to Miss Simpson to extend this transcript to 1750. This may give us more insight as to the later Lawton emigrants.

With best regards,

*Burrell*

3/9/89

*Robert -*

*This came in from Burrell after I had put his first batch of material in the mail to you. I have not yet had time to do a good job of analyzing the data herein. All my files are at home. I will be in touch again later. In the meantime, I wanted to get this material off to you.*

*Yours - Paul*

BURRELL C. LAWTON  
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2 March 1989

Miss Eileen Simpson  
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Tarporley  
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Dear Miss Simpson:

Since writing you 21 February, I have had an opportunity to study the Lawton transcript you made, and find that when Ormerod prepared the ancestral table in his history of Cheshire, he obviously did not have the information from this parish record, which corrects some items, and adds much more.

It is my understanding that the Bishop's transcript in Chester would enable you to extend this transcript to 1750 without having to go back to Church Lawton. If this is correct, I would appreciate it if you will do so. However, it does not mean enough to me to incur the expense of going back to Church Lawton, if that should be necessary.

There are two items on your transcript that I would like clarified.

The last item on the first page of christenings is:

"2 May 1591 c Agnet filia Thome Lawton et Warber eius uscor"

Warber is an entirely unfamiliar name. I feel sure that I have read it correctly, but is there any modern equivalent?

Second from the bottom on the third page of christenings is:

"8 Feb-1621/2 c Ranulphus filius Johis Lawton ???"

The last two or three letters are not clear to me.

When you send me the remainder of the transcript, let me know how much I owe you, and I will remit promptly, subject, however to the fact that I am going to Australia from April 4 to 24, so if it arrives during that period, my remittance will necessarily be delayed until me return.

I will appreciate this.

With best regards,





LAWTON of CHURCH LAWTON

HUSBAND      LAWTON, John, Esq. of Lawton

Born            1521

Married

Died            2 Mar 1598/9

Buried        15 Mar 1598/9 at Church Lawton

Father        William Lawton, Esq.

Mother Katharine Bellot of Moreton

This is wife No. 2      Other Wives (1) Anne (?) Corbet, wid. of Ralph Corbet. dsp

WIFE            DUTTON, Margaret, of Chester

Born

Died

Buried

Father        Fulke Dutton of Chester

Mother

This is husband No.      Other husbands

CHILDREN

<u>No.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>First marriage</u>	<u>Died</u>
1	M	William*	1553	(1) Mary Maxfield d.1604 (2) 2 May 1609 Helenora Maxfield	bur.20 Nov 1617
2	M	Robert	ca 1555		
3	M	Thomas**	ca 1557		
4	M	John	25 Sep 1560		
5	F	Mary		Wm. Yeardsley	

\* This William Lawton did not marry Mary Wood. He was only 7 when William Lawton and Mary Wood married 2 Dec 1560.

\*\* Thomas was 17 when admitted to Cambridge in 1574. He was a Reader in the Inner Temple in 1600.

Ref: Ormerod; Parish Register of Church Lawton. Records of Inner Temple.

LAWTON of CHURCH LAWTON

HUSBAND      LAWTON, William, Esq. of Lawton

Born          1553

Married      (2) 2 May 1609

Died

Buried      20 Nov 1617 at Church Lawton

Father      John Lawton, Esq.

Mother      Margaret Dutton of Chester

This is wife No. 2      Other Wives (1) Mary Maxfield, d. 1604, s.p.(?)

WIFE              (2) MAXFIELD, Helenora      of Chesterton, co. Stafford

Born

Died

Buried

Father

Mother

This is husband No.

Other husbands

CHILDREN

<u>No.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>First marriage</u>	<u>Died</u>
1	M	John	1604-06*	28 Oct 1617 Clare Sneyd/Sneed	1 Feb 1654/5
2	M	William**	6 Jan 1612/3		22 Feb 1615/6
3	F	Eleanor	30 Jun 1611	6 Jul 1640 George Bellot/Bellet	

\* Ormerod gives birth as 1606, but this is very doubtful since he would be only 11 at marriage. Probably born 1604 by first wife; Ormerod's d.o.b. based on age 7 in 1613; was probably 9, script 7 and 9 readily misinterpreted in writing of that period.

\*\* It is clear that this William Lawton was not Rector of Lawton, as indicated by Ormerod. William Lawton, Rector, prob. born ca 1775-80. ?

This William Lawton did not marry Mary, dau. of George Wood of Balterley. The marriage was 2 Dec 1560, when this William was only 7 years of age.

Ref: Ormerod; Prish Records of Church Lawton.



LAWTON of CHURCH LAWTON

HUSBAND LAWTON, John, esq. of Lawton

Born 1604-06 1596

Married 26 Oct 1617

Died 1 Feb 1644/55

Buried

Father William Lawton, Esq.

Mother Mary Maxfield (?)

This is wife No. 1 Other Wives

WIFE SNEYD/SNEED, Clara/Clare of Burslem, co. Stafford

Born

Died

Buried

Father Ralph Sneyd of Keel, c.Staff. <sup>1564-1644 M.P. 1640</sup>

This is husband No. Other husbands

Mother Felicia, d/o Nicholas Archbold  
+1659 of Uttoxeter

CHILDREN

<u>No.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Born</u>	<u>First marriage</u>	<u>Died</u>
1	M	William	1630		9 Sep 1693
2	M	Ralph	22 Jan 1632	Hester Longueville	
3	M	John	26 Jun 1634	Catherine Charlewood unmarried	
4	F	Felicia	28 Jul 1635		

Ref: Ormerod; Parish Records of Church Lawton

Nov. 18, 1998

LAWTON

Dear Robert -

While going through some old papers the other night, I ran across the enclosed two pages of notes, copies of which I have sent to Tommy and Mrs. Brownlee as well.

I have no idea where notes there were or where I obtained them, so I am hoping that you will be able to help me figure out where they may have come from.

What struck me first about these notes was the date they were recorded - March of 1926. Who in the world back then knew anything at all about CWH? Cousin Annie Miller didn't even know about him in 1931 when she compiled OFC.

Nothing new about CWH appears in these notes, but note the reference on the second page to Mary Lawton:

1736-40 p. 173 Mary Lawton to James  
Maxwell - 18 Oct. 1744

Which Mary Lawton was this? Since Winkburn Lawton was born in 1745, I would say this would have to be his mother, since Mary Clark Lawton was already dead. What do you think?



Next, what type record is this - some sort of land transaction? How do we consult the source for further information?

Next, what Lawton - Maxwell family connections do you know of? I can't find anything in my limited sources - just a bunch of Maxwells that have no obvious relationship to CWL. Do you know who this James Maxwell was?

Last - and most important - if these notes reflect what information was in the Fireproof Building in 1926, shouldn't we have someone check to see what else might be there? I eagerly will await your thoughts and suggestions.

I will close and get this in the morning mail.

Give Miss Cera my regards, and let me hear from you soon.

As ever -  
Paul

May 15th, 1997

Reverend Robert Peeples  
8 Moon Shell Road  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Dear Robert,

It was great talking to you the other day. How fortunate for me that I contacted you and it turns out that we are cousins; I could've listened to your recollections all day. I had heard from my father (Philip Robert Livingston) about some of my SC roots and you knew them. Talking with you Tuesday brought back many memories of those stories. I recall my father telling me that we had Huguenot descendants, but I had no idea from what branch; now I know. Having this confirmed by you made me so proud of my Lawton family South Carolina heritage.

I'm most anxious to get the A.E. Miller (600 pages!!) "Our Family Circle" book and study my South Carolinian Lawton Family history, genealogy, and heritage and receive the 1790 portrait of the Dr., our mutual relative. I've enclosed a check for \$33.50 made out to you to acquire these priceless treasures.

I'm equally eager to document my ancestry and acquire membership in your distinguished "The Society of First Families of South Carolina" organization. You were so gracious in offering to sponsor me for membership in this fine group. I look forward to future correspondences with you and the sharing of our mutual heritage.

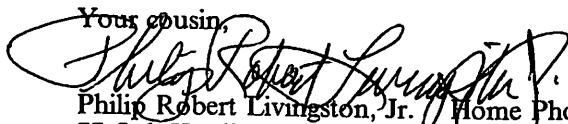
Shortly, I'll contact Mrs. Barbara Pringle Claypoole of the Huguenot Society of SC and inquire about membership in that grand society also.

In due course, I'll get together my South Carolinian photos and papers (from my dear Aunt Rose Douglas Lewis...whose mother was ROSA LAWTON Livingston Douglas (2nd marriage) and father was Dr. George Baskerville Douglas) and forward copies to you for your enjoyment.

As I might have related to you, I'm a direct descendant of Philip Livingston "the Signer" of the Declaration of Independence and all three of the Livingston "Lords of the Manor." Currently, I'm a member of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and Sons of the Revolution (New York State Chapter). I'm in the process of filling out the membership application for the Sons of the American Revolution.

Again thanks so much for answering my questions yesterday and making yourself known to me. I'm most grateful to make your acquaintance. It's not everyday that one can discover and talk to a relative previously unknown to them. Looking forward to talking to you soon.

Your cousin,

  
Philip Robert Livingston, Jr.  
77 Oak Knoll Road  
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ENCLOSED: RETYPED  
FAMILY PAPERS  
FROM MRS.  
JAMES HAMILTON  
LEWIS  
(ROSE DOUGLAS  
LEWIS)



October 23, 1997

Mrs. Joan Hodgkinson Orton  
37 Golden Hind Drive  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1871

Dear Mrs. Orton,

Please allow me the pleasure of introducing myself to you. My name is Philip Robert Livingston, Jr. and I'm a cousin to our mutual dear friend, the Rev. Dr. Robert E.H. Peeples. The Rev. Robert and his lovely wife Miss Cora have done so much to introduce and reveal to me my wonderful southern heritage. They've both been so kind and generous to me and my small family. As you are aware, the Rev. Robert has introduced me to the "Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors" and through my lineal descendancy to 1693-4 South Carolina Governor Landgrave Thomas Smith, has endorsed me for membership there in. I'd like to request of you, to do me the honor of seconding my nomination for membership. To that end, I've provided some background information about myself and my family to assist you.

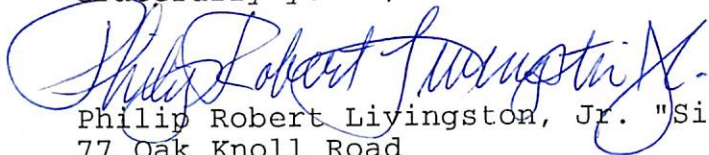
My wife Sara and I met in college and married in 1969. She's most recently from Colorado Springs, CO and loves to visit there often, where she still has family. I'm 50 years old, born and raised in northern New Jersey, and the only child of the late LTC Philip Robert Livingston and Marguerite Emery Livingston (currently living in Myrtle Beach, SC). I am the proud father of two great children, my daughter Emery Rile Livingston, who graduated with honors from Lafayette College and works in private industry; and my son Philip Robert Livingston, III, who's a junior at Duke University and currently studying abroad at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland for the academic year.

We live in Glen Rock, New Jersey (northeast corner of NJ) and enjoy the outdoors a great deal. We hope to travel more in the future, now that the kids are almost out of the house. I'm a graduate of Westminster College (B.A. 1969) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (M.B.A. 1978) and my lovely bride is a graduate of Katherine Gibbs (A.A. 1970). I'm an analyst with the IBM Corporation (28 years) and my wife is a part time oral surgeon's assistant and bible study enthusiast. I'm an amateur genealogist, philatelist (duck stamps), golf enthusiast, and high school sport official.

Hopefully this provides you with a little bit more information about me. I'd cherish the opportunity to be elected to membership in the "Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors" and it's my hope that you'll sign my enclosed application and return the same to the Rev. Robert for forwarding back to me. I'd be very appreciative and thankful.

If for any reason you require additional information about me or my character, please do not hesitate to ask, and I'll forward on to you promptly. I hope this presents no problem for you. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Philip Robert Livingston, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Philip Robert Livingston, Jr. "Si je puis..."  
77 Oak Knoll Road  
Glen Rock, New Jersey 07452



→ LAWTON ←

History + Reminiscences of Dougherty County, Georgia,  
Albany, 1924 p. 128-129

[Burial B.T.D. Lawton]  
R.I.N.P.  
N.H.B. (1816-1860 Robesville)

"Dr. Theodore deHon Mathews (1816-1860 Robesville)

In 1846 Dr. Theodore deHon Mathews and his wife, Mary Lawton Mathews, came by stage coach from South Carolina. .... Dr. Mathews bought a lot and built a home at the corner of Pine + Jackson streets, where the Municipal Auditorium now stands. ....

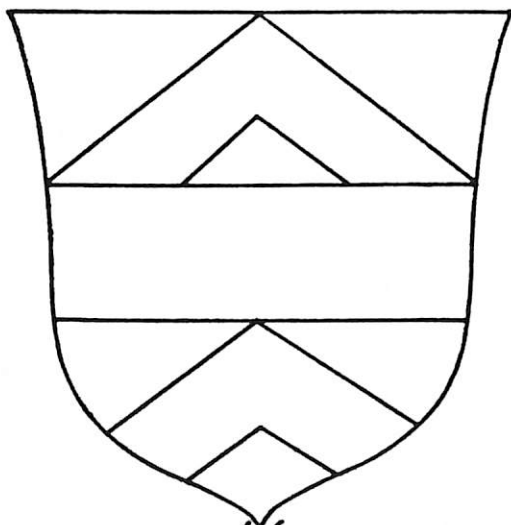
Dr. & Mrs. Mathews lived in Albany from 1846 to 1854, having during the interval lost two children who are buried in Oakview Cemetery. Mrs. Mathews's father, B. (Benjamin) T. (Themistocles) D. (D'Ion) Lawton, also died while they lived in this section and is also buried in the local cemetery; and as their health was very poor they thought it best to return to South Carolina.

LAWTON  
ANCESTORS

# BAYNARD:

## AN ANCIENT FAMILY BEARING ARMS

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*The title for this work of compilation was chosen because of a note written on the Herald's Visitation to Wiltshire in 1623 which reads as above with the added notation, "To be entered in Som'setsh visita'con".*

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- II. Benjamin Ludlow Edings mar. 1st Charlotte Porcher Chisolm — B. 10.25.1809 — D. 12.3.1834 — dau. of Dr. William Chisolm and Marianne Porcher, 2nd Susan Anthony.

Issue: (Which marriage?).

1. William Edings mar. Kate Leman.

Issue:

Julian Edings.

Maude Edings.

2. Julian Edings.

3. Mary Edings mar. A. Flint Parrott.

- III. William Edings — B. 3.18.1808 — D. 11.4.1858 AE 49 yrs mar. 1st 1.15.1832 Sarah Ann Mikell mar. 2nd 2.14.1844 Mrs. Hesse M. W. Mikell (Lee Record).

Issue:

1. Charlotte Porcher Edings mar. at Edisto Is. 1.30.1854 Ephraim G. Bailey (Lee Record).

2. Joseph Edings — D. 3...1895.

3. Juliette Edings.

4. William Seabrook Edings — D. 11.8.1848 (by 2nd mar.).

5. David Scott Edings.

- IV. Mary Edings mar. J. E. Pope.

- V. Emma Elizabeth Edings — B. 8.19.1793 (Tombstone) — D. 6.23.1856 mar. as his 2nd wife, William Seabrook — B. 1773 — D. 9.1.1836, son of John Seabrook of Edisto Is. (B. 1727 — D. 11.26.1783) and Sarah Lawton (D. 10.21.1798), dau. of Capt. William Lawton and Miss Clark. William Seabrook mar. 1st Mary Ann Mikell (1779 - 7.30.1818).

The Southern Agriculturist for Feb. 1737 contains a sketch of William Seabrook (S.C.H.S. 17). It states at 17 years he took charge of his own and his mother's estates and managed them so well they improved greatly. He was one of the first to cultivate successfully the sea-island or black-seed cotton said to have been introduced into Georgia in 1785 by Josiah Tatnall. He was among the first to test the use of salt-mud as a fertilizer for cotton. He established a steamboat line between Charleston and Savannah with stops in between, thereby bringing the plantations closer to the cities. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island and contributed liberally to educational and religious institutions. He left \$5000 for the establishment of a school in the Parish of St. John, Colleton County and the same amount to the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island. He owned several large plantations: on Seabrook's Island (formerly Simmons), White Point on Slann's Island, lands on John's

Island, Wadmalaw Island, Edisto Island and on Hilton Head Island. He built several handsome houses, including his "Mansion House" mentioned in his will. He gave to his children handsome houses and large sums of money as they reached maturity. His estate was appraised at \$376,916.60 — a large sum at that time.

Issue of William Seabrook and Emma Elizabeth Edings:

1. Robert Chisolm Seabrook — B. 1821 — D. 1852 — no issue.
2. Joseph Edings Seabrook — Bap. 1.19.1825. He and his brother, Robert, were passengers on the ill-fated S.S. Pulaski when it was lost off the N. C. Coast June 4, 1838. Robert was saved.
3. Carolina LaFayette Seabrook — B. 2.22.1825 — D. 12.13.1879 — was baptized by the Rev. W. States Lee Mar. 17, 1825, the day General LaFayette was entertained lavishly by William Seabrook at his home on Edisto Is. The General was asked to name the child and he responded with "Carolina" after the state of her birth. Her father added "LaFayette" in honor of his famous visitor. Carolina LaFayette Seabrook mar. James Hopkinson and had issue:

Julia Hopkinson mar. Murray LaRoche.

4. Martha Washington Seabrook mar. Ferdinand Charles Leon, Count deLasteyrie du Saillant, a nephew of General LaFayette.
  5. Julia Georgianna Seabrook mar. John Berwick Legaré.
- VI. Martha Washington Edings mar. William Seabrook, Jr., son of William Seabrook above by his 1st wife, Mary Ann Mikell. Father and son married sisters.

Issue:

1. William Edings Seabrook mar. 2.28.1856 Esther Marion Mitchell, dau. of Dr. Edward Mitchell and Elizabeth Grimbald Baynard.

Issue listed in Baynard line. P. 200.

2. John Edward Seabrook mar. Elizabeth Whaley — with issue.
3. Josephine E. Seabrook mar. 11.30.1854 John Evans Edings, Jr. son of John Evans Edings and Mary Wilkinson Mathews. Issue listed Gen. VI. P. 143.

- D. Mary Elizabeth Edings — B. 1778 — D. 11...1848 bur. Pres. ChYd, Edisto Is. mar. 1st William Evans, bro. of Sarah Evans who mar. William Edings, bro. of this Mary Elizabeth Edings. She mar. 2nd Dr. Robert Trail Chisolm, son of Alexander and Christina (Chisolm) Chisolm. They lived on Edisto Is.

Issue:

- I. Susan Matilda Harriet Chisolm (only surviving child) — D. 10.18.1865 mar. on Edisto Is. 4.5.1828 Oliver Hering Middleton



Some of the Ancestors of the Lawton Family of South Carolina, as taken from "Stemmata Chicheleana, or a Genealogical Account of Some of the Families derived from Thomas Chichele, of Higham-Ferrers in the County of Northampton; All whose descendants are held to be entitled to fellowships in All Souls College, Oxford; by virtue of their consanguinity to Arch-bishop Chichele, the Founder." Oxford, At the Clarendon Press MDCCLXV.

Robert Epting-Howard Peeples

In the late fourteenth century Thomas Chichele, thought to be a tailor at Higham-Ferrers, married Agnes Pyncheon, the daughter of William Pyncheon, gentleman (who had his Arms blazoned, Or, a Bend 3 Plates, with a Border counterchanged azure and sable,) and had by her four children: Henry Chichele, Arch-bishop of Canterbury, ob. 1443; Sir Robert Chichele, Lord Mayor of London in 1411 and 1421, ob. 1440, who married Agnes Apulderfield, the daughter of William Apulderfield, gentleman of the family of Apulderfield, long feted at Otterpley, in the parish of Challock in Kent; William Chichele, Sheriff of London in 1410, afterwards Alderman, ob. 1425, his will having been dated at Stanwell on May 9th of the same year. He married Beatrice Barret, daughter of William Barret, Esq.; and Dele, who married Tooke.

William Chichele and Beatrice Barret had four children: 1. William Chichele, Arch-deacon of Canterbury; 2. John Chichele, Chamberlain of London, who married Margery Knolles, daughter of Sir Thomas Knolles, Knight, and his wife, Joan, (who had 19 children); 3. Florence Chichele, who married Nicholas Peachy, John Burton and Sir John Darrel; 4. Agnes (or Elizabeth) Chichele, who married Thomas Dee.

John Chichele and Margery Knolles had 24 children: 1. Robert; 2. Thomas; 3. William; 4. William; 5. William; 6. John; 7. John; 8. Martin; 9. Reginald; 10. Henry, who married Alicia, daughter of Sir Robert Clopton; 11. Agnes (or Annice) Chichele, who married John Tattershall and William Kene. As a dowry her father gave John Tattershall the Manor of Easthorn and Wellhall in Kent; 12. Katherine; 13. Margery; 14. Christian, who married Thomas Hervy; 15. Editha, who married John Burrough and Giles St.Cloo (or St.Loe); 16. Beatrix, who married Sir William Peche; 17. Florence, who married Robert Savage and John Zouch; 18. Philippa, who married Henry Kent, Merchant; 19. Elizabeth, who married Sir. Thomas Kiryoll (or Crioll) and Sir Ralph Ashton and Sir Edward Bouchier; 20.-24. Names Unknown.

John Tattershall and Agnes Chichele had 2 daughters: 1. Anne Tattershall, who married Sir Ralph Hastings, Knight, of the House of the Earls of Huntingdon, 3rd Br. of William, Lord Hastings, ob. 1495; 2. Margery, ob. 1518, Lady of the Bedchamber to Queen Catherine, who married John Roper of Swacliff, Kent, and inherited the Manor of Easthorn and Wellhall.

Sir Ralph Hastings, Kt. and Anne Tattershall had six (6) children: 1. Anne; 2. Alice; 3. Catherine, who married John Norwich; 4. Florence, who married Edmund, Lord Grey of Wilton; 5. Isabel, who married Sir John Dyne; 6. Elizabeth Hastings, who married Sir John Longville, Knight of Wolverton, ob. 1536.



Sir John Longville, Knight of Wolverton, Bucks. ob. 1536 and Elizabeth Hastings had two (2) children: 1. Arthur Longville, ob. 1556, who married \_\_\_\_\_; 2. Mary Longville, who married William Pigot, of Little Henwood, Bucks.

Arthur Longville and \_\_\_\_\_ had three (3) children: 1. Sir Henry Longville, Knight, ob. 1613, who married \_\_\_\_\_; 2. Frances Longville, who married Francis Heydon, of the Grove, Herts.; 3. Arthur Longville.

Sir Henry Longville, Knight, and \_\_\_\_\_ had six (6) children: 1. Sir Henry Longville, Knight, who married \_\_\_\_\_; 2. Sir Thomas Longville of Cannons, Bucks.; 3. Elizabeth Longville, who married Sir Nicholas Gascoigne; 4. Francis Longville; 5. Mary Longville; 6. Sir Michael Longville.

Sir Henry Longville, Knight, and \_\_\_\_\_ had four (4) children: 1. Sir Edward Longville, Bart. of N. S., who married \_\_\_\_\_; 2. Catherine Longville, who married Roger Jones; 3. Elizabeth Longville, who married John Bromley; 4. Adolphia Longville, who married John Wolverton.

Sir Edward Longville, Bart. and Margaret Temple had seven (7) children: 1. Sir Thomas Longville, Bart.; 2. Catherine Longville, who married Thomas Gibbes of Huntington; 3. Hester Longville, who married William Lawton, of Lawton in Cheshire; 4. Elizabeth Longville, who married Samuel Bland; 5. Margaret Longville, who married John Digsby; 6. Penelope, a nun; 7. Edward Longville, who married \_\_\_\_\_ and had three (3) children: 1. Sir Thomas Longville; 2. Mary Longville, who married John Lawton of Lawton in Cheshire, and had one son, Robert Lawton; 3. Elizabeth Longville, who married a. William Mainwaring, b. George Hope.

William Lawton and Hester Longville had 10 (ten) children: 1. John Lawton of Lawton, who married Anne Montagu, daughter of Henry Montagu of Northtonshire (son of Henry Montagu, Earle of Manchester) and had 21 children; 2. William Lawton; 3. Thomas Lawton; 4. Ralph Lawton; 5. Clare Lawton, who married William Trafford of Swithamley, com. Strafford; 6. Hester Lawton, married Richard Church, of Tunstall, com. Salop; 7. Philisia Lawton, who married Fr. Hollinshead, of Whillot, in com. Cest, and had a daughter, Frances Hollinshead who married Peter Broke, of Mere, in com. Cest; 8. Margaret Lawton, who married Charlwood Lawton, of Northton; 9. Elizabeth Lawton, who married James Chetham, of Mellor, in com. derby; 10. Catherine Lawton, who married John Bowyer, of Turnhurst in com. Stafford.

bap 20 Feb 1671



**Mary Stone Biography**  
**aka**  
**Mary Stone Grimbball Lawton Fickling**

Mary Stone was the daughter of Susannah Carrière and her first husband John Stone. She was born about 1720, probably on Johns Island, South Carolina and died in December 1803 in Black Swamp, South Carolina.

For many years, this important antecedent was erroneously thought to have been "Mary Sams" until family historians discovered the existence of the 3 x 5 inch plantation journal of Thomas Grimbball (d. 1721), which is now part of the *Cunningham and Lawton family papers, 1860s-1970s*, MS 1444, in the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah, Georgia. These family records have been transcribed and annotated by the Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peebles in *Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina* 87 (1982): 64-69.

Mary Stone's father, John Stone, died prior to 23 March 1723 on Johns Island, South Carolina. Her mother, Susannah Carrière, was the daughter of Huguenot immigrant Jean Carrière of Normandy, France and his wife Elizabeth. Following the death of John Stone, Susannah Carrière was married a second time about 1740 to Thomas Winborn, a planter of Wadmalaw Island. Susannah Carrière Stone Winborn died 29 September 1780. An excellent accounting of the Carrière and other Huguenot families can be found in *French Santee, A Huguenot Settlement in Colonial South Carolina*, by Susan Baldwin Bates and Harriott Cheves Leland (Otter Bay Books, LLC, Baltimore, MD, 2015).

The subject of this sketch, Mary Stone, was first married to Paul Grimbball on 29 November 1738. Paul Grimbball (1703-1750) was a son of Thomas Grimbball (d. 1721) and grandson of the English immigrant Paul Grimbball (ca. 1640-ca.1695). The grandson Paul Grimbball had been first married to Mary Barnwell, with whom he had eight children. Five children were born to the marriage of Mary Stone and Paul Grimbball prior to his death in 1750, with the last and sixth child being born posthumously. Mary Stone Grimbball then herself proceeded to make entries in the Grimbball Plantation journal.

The surviving children of Mary Stone and Paul Grimbball included Providence Grimbball (1745-1764; m. Ephriam Mikell), John Grimbball (1747-1780; m. Elizabeth Robert), and Anne Grimbball (1749-p 1807; m. Peter Robert).

About 1750, Mary Stone Grimbball was married a second time to William Lawton. Their only child was Joseph Lawton (1753-1815), progenitor of the Lawton family in South

Carolina. On 18 March 1773, Joseph Lawton married Sarah Robert (1755-1839), a sister to Peter Robert who married Joseph Lawton's half-sister, Anne Grimball.

Following the death of William Lawton, Mary Stone Grimball Lawton was married a third time on 15 January 1759 to Samuel Fickling. Their only son, also named Samuel Fickling (1761-1766), died at the age of five and there were no surviving Fickling offspring.

While little is known of Samuel Fickling, Mary Stone's third marriage endured for about 20 years. She was known as "Mary Fickling" for the remainder of her life. She died in December 1803, leaving a considerable estate. An inventory can be found in the *Lawton Family Papers*, Manuscripts R.102, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina.

According to family tradition, Mary Stone Grimball Lawton Fickling was not on particularly good terms with her daughter-in-law, Sarah Robert Lawton. One might imagine that this was an uncomfortable situation as both had relocated to the small community of Black Swamp, South Carolina, which was later to be re-named Robertville in honor of the many Robert family members who settled in this area.

It is further family tradition that this conflict resulted in Mary Stone Grimball Lawton Fickling arranging to have herself buried in between her son Joseph Lawton and his wife Sarah Robert Lawton. No small feat for a woman who died in 1803, her Lawton son following in 1815, and her daughter-in-law living on until 1839.

Estimable family historians such as Thomas O. Lawton, Jr. and Robert E. H. Peeples have unsuccessfully tried to unravel the mystery of the burial sequence in the Robertville Baptist Church Cemetery. According to the 19<sup>th</sup> century tombstone inscriptions, the order of the tombstones when facing the Robertville Baptist Church from right to left, is Sarah Robert Lawton, George Moss Lawton (a grandson), and then Joseph Lawton.

With no attempt to fully resolve the riddle of exactly where Mary Stone Grimball Lawton Fickling was buried, with gracious permission of the Robertville Baptist Church community and with the assistance of Peeples-Rhoden Funeral Home a marker was erected in 2015 by Grimball and Lawton descendants in honor of our intrepid ancestress.

Biography contributed by:  
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September 2015